

Phyllis Coolures; her stepchildren Jeanette Daugherty, Pat Perez, Sam Daugherty and their children and grandchildren, as well as her many nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Patricia Daugherty. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and wishing the best for her family.

#### HOPE CLINIC FOR WOMEN

### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, life is precious. While some vote, some pray, many others put all their efforts to their beliefs and work to offer women alternative choices to abortion. I am proud to join with organizations like the Hope Clinic for Women as they stand with women throughout Middle Tennessee. I especially congratulate Bob and Janie Yeager as they are honored tonight for their long-standing commitment to the Hope Clinic for Women, at the Hope for the Future Gala.

Rejoicing over birth, saddened through miscarriage, burdened by abortion, or excited for adoption, women facing these crucial moments in life find quality assistance and loving guidance at the Hope Clinic. For 26 years, the Hope Clinic has been a place, regardless of social standing, ability to pay, or religious affiliation, for women to receive free pregnancy tests, counseling, free ultrasounds, and medical care. Staff and volunteers don't simply stop with the health and wellbeing of the mother, they step in to provide formula, diapers, clothing, cribs, and strollers to the very least among us. Seeking to advocate total health for women struggling with Post Partum Depression, a partnership with St. Thomas Health Services began in 2008 as well.

With open doors and open hearts, the Hope Clinic is also a trusted voice, equipping Middle Tennessee's youth with information about abstinence, healthy life choices, and counseling programs.

Whether it's a safe place to call "home" for a woman carrying her child, or a sound clinic offering personal medical services regardless of ability to pay, the Hope Clinic for Women serves onsite over 2,000 clients each year, and reaches thousands more in the Middle Tennessee area. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Hope Clinic for Women, and those who continue to support such worthy efforts, for protecting life through every stage.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Thursday, February 4, 2010. I apologize for the delay in submitting this statement.

For Thursday, February 4, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 39 (on agreeing to the Halvorson

amendment to H.R. 4061), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 40 (on agreeing to the Kilroy amendment to H.R. 4061), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 41 (on agreeing to the Kissell amendment to H.R. 4061), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 42 (on agreeing to the Owens amendment to H.R. 4061), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 43 (on passage of H.R. 4061).

#### HONORING COUNCILMAN N. JOHN AMATO FOR HIS RECORD YEARS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the longest serving councilperson in Cherry Hill Township, Councilman N. John Amato, for his 27 years in public service. Councilman Amato has demonstrated significant leadership and dedication to his community, and for this he deserves great praise.

Councilman Amato is a graduate of Rutgers University and holds a Masters degree from Kean College. He moved to the Erlton neighborhood in Cherry Hill in 1963 where he has resided ever since. He was first elected in 1983 and continues to serve Cherry Hill Township. In addition, as a licensed public accountant, Councilman Amato is an administrator for Rutgers University's LEAP Academy, a magnet school serving the City of Camden, New Jersey.

The Councilman devotes his time and effort to his community in many different ways. He is a Eucharistic minister and lector at the Queen of Heaven Roman Catholic Church and also serves on the board of the Young Adolescent Learning Environment School for children with special needs. He is active in the Sons of Italy and is former Board President of the Camden County Vocational Schools.

Councilman Amato and his wife, Marion, have two daughters, Rosemary and Irena, and two grandchildren, Michael and Francesca. He is famous for playing Santa Claus at Christmastime for charitable organizations and the Cherry Hill Mall.

Madam Speaker, Councilman Amato's contributions to his field and to the state of New Jersey should not go unrecognized. I want to personally thank the Councilman for the exceptional leadership he has provided and the impact he has made in Cherry Hill. I congratulate Councilman Amato on his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE (AIR ASSAULT) AS THEY DEPART FOR AFGHANISTAN

### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women stationed at Fort Campbell who I have the distinct privilege to represent in Congress.

Later this week, soldiers from the 101st Airborne, Air Assault will be deploying yet again to Afghanistan to help defeat extremism in a nation not yet completely safe from those who prey on freedom. For many of these courageous Americans, this will be their 4th or 5th tour to either Iraq or Afghanistan.

There is no doubt that these frequent deployments have taken a serious toll on military families. However, when I had the opportunity to visit with the soldiers readying for deployment, they looked at that fact as just an example of the supreme confidence that our military leaders have in their ability to accomplish our mission as efficiently and effectively as possible. I, for one, could not agree more.

In a very short period of time, our country will be marking the 10th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. And along with that, we recognize the decade-long commitment from our service members and their families to prosecute the Global War on Terror and bring peace and stability to a war-torn region of the world.

Madam Speaker, I hope that every member of this body will keep the soldiers of the 101st Airborne, as well as all of the members of the Armed Forces, in their thoughts and prayers as they continue to keep our country safe and secure.

May God bless and watch over our Nation's finest and their families, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

#### HONORING MABEL ROWNEY

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mabel "Gay" Rowney for her dedication to her family and community. Mrs. Rowney passed away on April 23, 2010 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Mabel Rowney was born on August 20, 1917 in Elk River, Idaho. At a young age she met and married Harold Rowney, and together they had eight children. She filled the role of mother and organizer of the family very well. She was a talented musician and taught generations of Mariposa children to play the piano. For over 30 years, Mrs. Rowney served as the organist of Saint Joseph's Church. She sang in various community choirs, performed for many years in the Mariposa Chamber Group and was the pianist for a number of Lion's Follies. Mrs. Rowney was especially well known for her baked goods. The children that went to her house for piano lessons always looked forward to warm, fresh cookies and the smell of homemade bread.

Mrs. Rowney was preceded in death by her husband, Harold. She is survived by her children Beejee Allan, Veronica Gross, Christopher Rowney, Jill Rowney, Teresa Dulberg, Roscoe Rowney, Mark Rowney and Lisa Rowney; sixteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Mabel Rowney. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and wishing the best for her family.